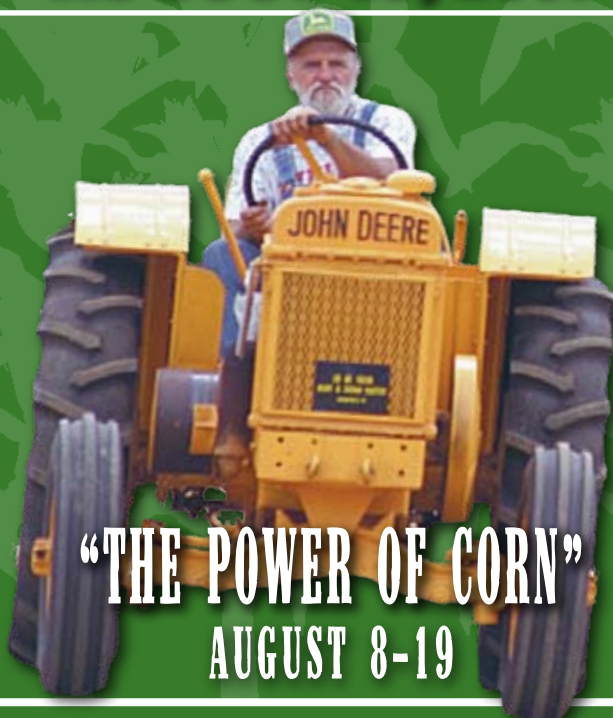




INDIANA STATE FAIR FARMERS' DAY PARADE

AUGUST 15, 2007



"THE POWER OF CORN"

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As one drives the byways in Indiana in the summertime, a person must be impressed by the many, many beautiful fields of corn. Without a doubt, corn is the most important field crop being produced in our state. From Mt. Vernon to Angola and from Hammond to Aurora one will see field after field of the beautiful crop. In the spring and summer the fields are dark green, soaking in the sunlight and drawing up nutrients from the soil to produce the fruit of the crop. In the fall the fields have turned to a straw color and the ears are filled with golden (or in some cases white) grain ready for harvest.

The theme of our parade this year is “The Power of Corn”, so as you prepare your float put your thinking caps on and design a float that will “WOW” the spectators as well as educate them about the value and benefits of corn to Indiana agriculture as well as all of the citizens of our great state. Design the float to highlight one of many uses of corn, the amount of corn that is grown in the state, or how corn benefits us in our daily lives.

Again this year, there will be no judging of floats. Instead we will pay \$200 to any group who enters and parades a bona fide float which in some way shows the power of corn or the importance of corn to Indiana agriculture. Farm hitches which also emphasize the Power of Corn will receive a payment of \$50 each. (A farm hitch is considered to be a team of horses, mules, or oxen pulling an implement, wagon, or cart. Tractors don't count!)

You are also encouraged to bring your float to the State Fair at any time prior to Farmers' Day and to participate in the daily evening parades. Of course, there is no extra pay involved in the evening parades, but it does allow school students who help to build a float to be involved in a parade. Keep in mind that we will be unable to furnish buildings for storage of floats so they will need to be water proofed if you come early.

If you need a tractor to pull your float, just contact some of us at Pioneer Village. There are plenty of antique tractors available to fulfill your request.

SCHEDULES

July 15, 2007: Deadline for Entries

Parade Day: Wednesday, August 15, 2007

8:30 am Entries need to be on the grounds. Report to the registration area in the northwest corner of the infield. All entries must report even though they may have participated in daily parades.

10:00 am Parade steps off in front of the Grandstand.

SPECIAL NOTE

All entries must move at a steady and snappy pace in order to accommodate the schedules of Fair activities. Be sure that you stay in pace with the entries in front of you, keeping a short distance between entries. Any performance of the entry during the Farmers' Day Parade must be done while the entry continues to move forward.

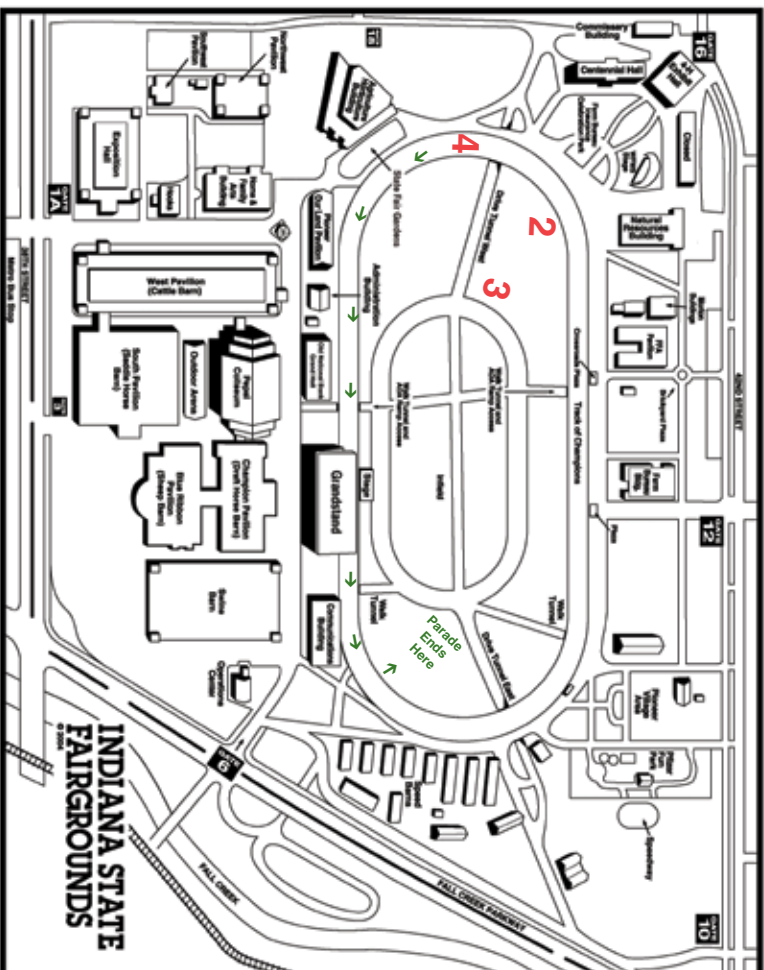
Be sure that your entry is made of sturdy materials. Also remember that lettering should be readable from both sides of the float and should be legible for viewers in the Grandstand.

FREE ADMISSION

Participants in the parade will be admitted free of charge to the fairgrounds through Gate 16 on August 15th prior to 8:00 am. You will need to display special windshield stickers which will be mailed to you a few days prior to parade day. The windshield sticker will admit the vehicle and all passengers. Please indicate on your entry form the number of vehicle passes that you will need. **Only parade participants are eligible for a vehicle pass.**

General admission to the Indiana State Fair is \$8 for anyone 6 or older (kids 5 and younger get in free). You can save a dollar when you pre-purchase your State Fair tickets at all Indiana Wal-Mart stores, CVS/pharmacies, Indiana Farm Bureau offices, The Marten House Hotel and the Indiana State Fair Box Office. If participating in the daily parade you may want to take advantage of buying discounted tickets.

MAP



1. Gate 16 - Parade Entry
2. Assembly Area

3. Parade HQ Tent
4. Start of Parade Route

5. Pioneer Village

